

(d) the targeted rate of growth of power generation and achievement during 1996-97; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to accelerate the power generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The energy and peaking shortage in the country during the period April, 1996 to January, 1997 was 11.1% and 17% respectively. The energy and peaking shortage of the States in Northern and Southern region for the corresponding period are given below:

Region/State	Energy Shortage %	Peaking Shortage (%)
Northern Region	11.1	17.0
Chandigarh	0.1	0.0
Delhi	2.5	7.0
Haryana	4.7	15.9
M.P.	1.0	1.9
J&K	18.1	17.1
Punjab	1.8	8.1
Rajasthan	6.1	10.1
U.P.	13.3	20.1
Southern Region	20.5	20.1
Andhra Pradesh	22.1	23.6
Karnataka	26.1	22.0
Kerala	23.2	24.0
Tamil Nadu	14.1	16.3

(b) and (c) The growth in power generation during 1995-96 and April-December, 1996 over the corresponding period of previous years was 8.3% and 3.5% respectively. The main reason for decline in growth rate of power generation during the current year is fall in hydel power generation.

(d) During April-December, 1996 power generation in the country was 291.5 BU compared to power generation of 281.6 BU during April-December, 1995 which represent a growth rate of 3.6% against the target rate of growth of 5.1% fixed for 1996-97.

(e) Amongst the measures undertaken for increasing power generation are higher utilisation of installed capacity reducing auxiliary power consumption, modernisation and uprating of existing power stations and initiating schemes for reducing transmission and distribution losses.

Oil Wells in Nagaland

830. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Companies in Nagaland have been unable to resume its work;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the companies are likely to resume its operation in near future; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) ONGC has not been able to resume its operations in Nagaland.

(b) ONGC's drilling operations had to be stopped due to insurgency related problems at various locations in Nagaland from time to time and the subsequent direction of the State Government. This situation has not changed.

(c) and (d) ONGC will be able to resume its operations only if so advised by the Govt. of Nagaland and if the State Govt. also agrees to provide adequate security cover to ensure the safety and security of the personnel and property of ONGC.

Setting up of Hydro-Electric Power Project at Meke Datli

831. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal to the Union Government for setting up of a hydro electric power project on the cauvery basin near "Meke Datli"; and

(b) if so, the time by which the centre is expected to clear this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal to set up Mekedatu hydroelectric project, in Mysore district with an eventual capacity of 360 MW. The clearance to the project is dependent upon resolution of inter/state dispute on sharing of Cauvery Waters which is under adjudication before the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal.

Infrastructural Facilities in Assam

832. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
SHRI KACHARU BHARU RAUT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project is under consideration of the Government for expansion of infrastructure and public amenities in major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any talks have been held with some international agencies for getting funds for this project; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be cleared

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) There is no project under consideration of the Government for integrated expansion of Infrastructure and public amenities in major cities. However, a Centrally sponsored scheme for development of infrastructure in five mega cities of Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad was initiated during 1993-94. The main features of the scheme as approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 16.3.1995 are:

(i) the sharing between Central and State Government would be in the ratio of 25:25 and the balance 50% is to be met from Institutional Finance; (ii) the projects to be included under the scheme would be of three categories: (a) Basic Services projects, (b) User charge based projects and (c) Remunerative projects; (iii) the funds are to be channelised through a specialised institution/nodal agency at the State level which would provide project related finance for urban infrastructure projects including water supply, sewerage, drainage, sanitation, city transport network, land development, slum improvement, solid waste management etc.

(c) No, Sir. No talks have been held with international agencies for getting funds for the aforesaid scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

Per-Capita-Allocation

833. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the per-capita-allocation of amount made for agriculture and rural development for Maharashtra during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount demanded by the State Government and the amount sanctioned for this purpose by the Planning Commission during the said period; and

(c) the reasons for allocating low amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The per capita allocation for Maharashtra in respect of Agriculture and Rural Development sectors in the State Plan for the last three years is as follows:-

Period	Agriculture (Rs.)	Rural Development (Rs.)
1994-95	47.23	48.08
1995-96	55.19	61.89
1996-97	67.84	127.05

(b) The amount demanded and the amount sanctioned in respect of Agriculture and Rural Development sectors in the State Plan are almost the same during the said period.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Approval of Projects

834. SHRI K.D. SULTAN PURI :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of projects submitted for approval by the State Governments of Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh to the Planning Commission during the last three years till date;

(b) the present status of these proposals; and

(c) the quantum of funds demanded and allocated project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) The Annual Plan outlays of the States are approved by the Planning Commission alongwith broad sectoral/sub-sectoral allocations. The details of development Projects within the approved sectoral/sub-sectoral outlays are decided by the State Governments. However, investment approval is required from Planning Commission for different projects in Power and Irrigation sectors. As per information available in the Planning Commission the following projects have been approved in Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh during the last three years :

Name of State	Project	Estimated cost (Rs. in Crore)
1. Orissa	(i) Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project	977.00
	(ii) Bagh Barrage Project	44.72
	(iii) Subarnarekha Irrigation Project	790.32
	(iv) Baghalati Medium Irrigation Project	45.44
2. Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Water Resources Consolidation Project	807.49
3. Himachal Pradesh	Shah Nahar Irrigation Project	143.32

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835. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVIN CHANDRA MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :